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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Emergency responders are constantly placed in
3 danger while performing their duties, both from the dangerous
4 conditions of their work and the hazardous locations where
5 incidents occur; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2013, Hudson Community Fire Protection
7 District volunteer firefighter Chris Brown was struck and
8 killed by a motorist while working at the scene of a motor
9 vehicle collision; and

10 WHEREAS, On October 30, 2013, Pontiac Police Department K9
11 Officer Casey Kohlmeier was struck and killed by a drunk driver
12 while performing his duties on Interstate 55; and

13 WHEREAS, Many other emergency responders have been killed,
14 injured, or placed in needless danger by similar incidents; and

15 WHEREAS, More comprehensive solutions are required to
16 ensure that emergency responders are able to safely perform the
17 vital duties they carry out for the citizens of our State;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Emergency
2 Responder Roadway Safety Task Force to identify and recommend
3 ways that the State of Illinois can increase the safety of
4 emergency responders while they perform their duties; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
7 following members: one member appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives; one member appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the House of Representatives; one member appointed by
10 the President of the Senate; one member appointed by the
11 Minority Leader of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the
12 Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, one of
13 which must be currently employed as a highway maintainer with
14 the Illinois Department of Transportation; one member
15 appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police; one
16 police officer from a county with a population of less than
17 60,000 citizens appointed by the Director of the Illinois
18 Emergency Management Agency; one police officer from a county
19 with a population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens
20 appointed by the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
21 Agency; one police officer from a county with a population of
22 more than 1,000,000 citizens appointed by the Director of the
23 Illinois Emergency Management Agency; one firefighter from a
24 county with a population of less than 60,000 citizens appointed
25 by the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency;

1 one firefighter from a county with a population between 60,000
2 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by the Director of the
3 Illinois Emergency Management Agency; one firefighter from a
4 county with a population of more than 1,000,000 citizens
5 appointed by the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management
6 Agency; one emergency medical services personnel from a county
7 with a population of less than 60,000 citizens appointed by the
8 Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; one
9 emergency medical services personnel from a county with a
10 population between 60,000 and 1,000,000 citizens appointed by
11 the Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and
12 one emergency medical services personnel from a county with a
13 population of more than 1,000,000 citizens appointed by the
14 Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency; the
15 members of the Task Force shall select a chairperson at the
16 initial meeting; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Emergency Management Agency
18 shall provide administrative and other support to the Task
19 Force; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
21 without compensation; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report of its
23 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later

1 than January 1, 2015.